

in the spring of 1915, nearly all of our Grimm alfalfa plants proved to be dead. I will say that I have, on several occasions, purchased both plants and seeds from Professor Hansen, of the South Dakota Experiment Station. He has a number of varieties: *Omsk*, *Obb*, *Gobi Desert*, *Semipalatinsk*, *Cherno*, etc., but for some reason, none of them are as valuable as the pure *falcata* at the Fairbanks Station. It was in full bloom the latter part of August, when I visited the station, but it produced no seed. Some pods had formed but they would have no chance of ripening.

I have told you frequently in former letters, that the *Petrowski* turnip, S. P. I. No. 22755, also obtained from the Office of Seed and Plant Introduction, is the most valuable turnip introduced into Alaska. Last year, we grew 240 pounds of seed of this variety at the Fairbanks Station and this year, between 1200 and 1500 pounds of seed from selected roots, and I learn that many small farmers in various sections grow seed of this variety for their own use."